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ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2006, Applicants elect without traverse the claims of Group I, namely Claims 1-25, drawn to the tibial augment device. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications taking up the nonelected claims of Groups II - VI.

Respectfully submitted,

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